

Cobb CERT Community Education **Working Group**

Mission Statement

To build awareness of the value of CERT training and preparedness within the Cobb County Community, and to help manage follow-on training that is intended to provide ongoing skills reinforcement to current CERT members.

Goals and Objectives

1. Provide disaster preparedness/CERT awareness presentations to homeowners associations and other community-based organizations, and help interested individuals become CERT members.
2. Participate in informational mini-fairs by setting up and staffing CERT booth displays and distributing information regarding the value of disaster preparedness and the CERT program.
3. Provide attendees of the annual North Georgia State Fair information on disaster preparedness and the CERT program. This is accomplished by organizing, managing, and staffing the Cobb County EMA/CERT booth with active CERT members.
4. Schedule skills sustainment classes for current CERT members to strengthen and maintain their skills through classroom instruction and hands-on exercises.

Chairman of the Working Group—Azrcka Bedgood

Azrcka Bedgood worked at AT&T and retired as a communications technician. She also served on the executive board as secretary treasurer of Communication Workers of America Local 3250, serving 6,000 members; she also served as vice president of the Atlanta Labor Council, serving 72,000 members.

Bedgood is active in her church. Her current assignment at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is to oversee the emergency preparedness program for eight congregations. Bedgood is a published author, writing *Food Storage for the Health of It*. She speaks at local churches and service organizations, and lives in West Cobb with her husband, Charles.

Azrcka completed her CERT training in October 2008, and currently volunteers her time to support the CERT program and activities. If you are interested in becoming a part of this dynamic group please contact Azrcka Bedgood at azrcka@bellsouth.net.